Dispensing of First Class Accommodation in Trains

1039. SHRI 1NDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the first class accommodation hitherto available in a large number of trains has been dispensed with; it' so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) the reasons for which this indication has not been given in the railway time table?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) Yes, Sir. A statement is attached. *(See* below).

(b) All efforts are made to include these changes in the Zonal Railways' Time Tables. However, mid term changes are included in the next year's issues as these arc yearly publications.

Statement

During 1995-96, J Class couches have been withdrawn from the following trains:

1. 1063/1064 Chhennai Express (2 rakes)
2. 1065/1066 Ratnagiri Express
3. 1067/1068 Saket Express
4. 1069/1070 Bombay-Allahabad Express
5. 2479/2480 Goa Express
6. 2615/2616 G. T. Express
7. 2621/2622 Tamil Nadu Express
8. 2841/2842 Coromandal Express
9. 2903/2904 Frontier Mail
10. 2955/2956 Bombay-Jaipur Express
11. 5621/5622 North East Express (one rake)
12. 7015/7016 Visakha Express
13. 8007/8008 Howrah-Puri Express
14. 9101/9102 Gujrat Mail
15. 9303/9304 Bhopal-Indorc DMU Intercity Express
16. 4085/4086 Haryana Express.

Indiscriminate killings in J & K

1040. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR
SAMBHAJ1RAO SHINDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrorists and militants in Jammu and Kashmir have again taken to indiscriminate killings in the State, by way of planting bombs in busy places and the like;

(b) if so, the number and details of such incidents during June and July 1995, indicating the number of persons killed and injured;

(c) whether this has caused resentment and uprising amongst citizens against the security forces blaming luck of security rather than against the militants; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) It is a fact that as the pressure of security forces on militants has continued and mounted, they have increasingly resorted to desperate acts of violence including attacks on soft targets and increasing use of explosive devices. According to available information, 191 incidents of bomb and. other explosions etc. occurred in the State during June and July 1995. By their very nature, sneak activities of this nature are difficult to prevent completely.

(c) and (d) It is not a fact that there is any uprising among the people against the security forces for failure to provide security. On the other hand, there is resentment among the people against the activities of the militants, including acls of indiscriminate violence. It is also appreciated that the security forces have been exercising the utmost restraint in retaliation to such incidents in busy places to avoid harm to civilian life and property. Arrangements to check